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# The Whalesong

## Satre receives the 2006 Red Cross Good Samaritan Award

By Sandra Galeana  
The Whalesong

The Director of Student Services, Tish Griffin Satre, received the Good Samaritan Award for her outstanding community service with The Cancer Connection on April 4, 2006. Satre and her husband Tom Satre, were flown to Anchorage free of charge and received the award in front of 500 people.

"It was really nice but there was an awful lot of statewide press," Satre said. "I was in the grocery store and everyone was congratulating me on my work, so obviously it made the press down here as well."

The Good Samaritan Award (GSA) is one with the most nominations because the Red Cross tries to honor people who have done good deeds. When Satre received the information from her daughter, Alex Griffin Satre, that she was nominated for the GSA she said, "I didn't pull anybody out of the water." After 24 hours of thinking about the award and how it had to be a mistake, the Red Cross called her on Valentines Day and told her a person in the community had nominated her and that she was the choice for the 2006 award.

"I was so humbled and so surprised," Satre said. "What an honor that anyone would consider community service heroic."

In Anchorage, Satre's corporate sponsor was the ASRC Energy Services. They paid for the hotel, the flight and gave

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Photo by Sandra Galeana

Tish Griffin Satre received the 2006 Good Samaritan Award for community service and her works in Cancer Connection.

## Accusations and scandal end the year for the student government

By Stefan Ricci  
The Whalesong

Confidential information was leaked from a formal complaint that alleged campaign rules violations against president-elect Tim Burch leading up to the April 5-6 student government elections. The disclosure has resulted in UAS student senator Christin Howard resigning in protest. The incident has also raised questions regarding Tish Griffin Satre's involvement in the leak and has some students calling for her resignation as student government advisor.

Howard submitted the complaint to the student elections committee claiming that Burch's campaign

breached student constitution by-laws governing the use of UAS material or property. According to Howard, the details of her complaint were released to Burch in clear violation of the student government constitution.

Under constitution by-laws, all information in complaints delivered to the elections committee is to remain confidential. The constitution is vague regarding the circumstances under which information can be released. There is general agreement among election committee members, however, that once the committee has reviewed a complaint it can

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## Plans are afoot for upgrades to science facility

By Rich Moniak  
The Whalesong

If all goes according to plan, a \$5-million remodeling of the Anderson Building will begin soon after the ribbon-cutting ceremony opens the doors to the new School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences Building at Lena Point.

Although it is at least two-and-a-half years away, UAS Facilities Director Keith Gerken says the planning efforts will begin before the spring semester is over. The Anderson Building was constructed in 1980, the same year the University of Alaska was designated a Sea Grant College by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Co-located on the site with NOAA Auke Bay Lab, the building has been the home of the SFOS since it opened.

But a new lab for NOAA, the Ted Stevens Marine Research Institute, is under construction at Lena Point. The UAF graduate program, the stepchild of marine biology studies in Alaska, will follow them there.

What does that mean for the Anderson Building? It won't be an orphan, as there are none on a university campus already crowded and continuing to grow. Currently the UAS biology program occupies half of the building, sharing the labs and classrooms with the SFOS. The lower-level labs will likely remain the focus of marine biology, as will some of the classroom space and faculty offices on the upper levels. According to Gerken, determining which curriculum will fill the new void is the first step in developing a sound design for the building remodel project.

What kind of appeal does this off-campus build-

ing have? The three-story structure has about 5,000 square feet per floor, with a stair tower connecting each level at the outside edge of the main footprint. Interior finishes appear worn and unattractively outdated, partly because the university has been delaying some routine upkeep in anticipation of the larger changes now being contemplated.

The relatively square building is not the pride of architectural design when approached from the parking lot and main entrance on the north. But from the south facing windows, one can look out to Auke Bay and beyond. Which faculty members have their eye on a new classroom or lab there, with the hope of reeling in an adjacent waterfront office with a stunning view?

UAS has science classes, labs and research spread out among other buildings on and off campus. Although much of the general biology studies already occupy the Anderson Building, there are also some class spaces in the Egan Building. Chemistry labs are in the Anderson but classes are in the Egan. Human anatomy, physiology and health sciences are downtown in the Bill Ray Center. Environmental science classes are in the Hendrickson Building, while the faculty has research labs in the newly purchased Bentwood Place on the east side of the Mendenhall Peninsula. The physics program is generally located in the Hendrickson Building.

Bringing much of the science curriculum under one roof closer to the main campus makes sense. The process of negotiating the needs of each department with the overall goals of the university will narrow the vague vision into a scope of work that should produce a conceptual design and cost estimate be-

fore the end of the year. The budget may need to be revisited, but if the preliminary figures hold up, the final design work could proceed soon after that.

The interior space remodel and new tenants will also bring back the focus on access to the building. Parking on site is very restricted, as emphasized by a courtesy parking plan posted at the main entrance. Pedestrian access is, to put it mildly, incredibly poor. There is no sidewalk on the south side of Glacier Highway, and the entrance to the lot is on a blind curve. It's the site of an accident waiting to happen.

The Alaska State Department of Transportation has developed preliminary alternatives to mitigating the safety hazards for drivers and pedestrians between Fritz Cove Road and the Back Loop turnoff. A project to widen the highway and add turning lanes along the curve will likely include new sidewalks on both sides of the road.

A round-about at Fritz Cove has been discussed, which may provide a suitable location for a pedestrian crossing. A pedestrian bridge over the highway or a tunnel below it are other ideas that have been toyed with, but at this time there aren't any specific schedules for moving the project forward.

UAS also owns another parcel on the south side of Glacier Highway, but that's separated from the Anderson Building lot by a privately owned home.

Growth and expansion seem to be never ending. The design of new buildings and parking lots adjacent to Auke Bay will someday bring UAS facility staff other challenges. For the next few years though, much of their focus will be on the Anderson Building.

construction in these northern climates as a means of at least slowing the impending cataclysm of greenhouse warming.

For George, one of the most significant mediums for a home's retention of the most precious commodity to us warm-blooded dwellers in these northern climates is its HRV or Home RecoVery capacity.

Many structures in Alaska vent through the most common air-exchange process—fresh air coming in through crawl spaces and exiting through washroom or attic fans—and in so doing, incalculable amounts of fossil fuel-generated heat is lost to the atmosphere.

This not only is costly, but contributes to the collection of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Conservation techniques that could be utilized, from alternative insulating methods to capturing heat escape, would drastically reduce this lost and polluting energy. George proposed a recovery system which can "capture from 60-70 percent" of that wasted warmth. With the average size of homes doubling in the last 30 years, this presents a value of climate

changing proportions.

Kelly's presentation spoke to the impending consequences if we refuse to address these necessities in an immediate manner. Kelly lectured on the dissolving ice-shield of the Arctic Ocean. This loss of reflective ice giving way to the heat-absorbing characteristics of water is not only radically expediting the shift in climate change, but is impacting the ecosystems for many of our planet's inhabitants.

The arctic ringed seal population, after bearing young in well-burrowed ice caves, is confronted with the thermal stresses caused by sunlight streaming in before pups have matured sufficiently to deal with the elements.

Unforgiving also are predators who find the thinner or nonexistent ice-covering of seal caves more revealing, offering the pups as potential prey before they've developed any defense skills.

Between George and Kelly's Pacific Rim Forum presentations, valuable information was offered to the community on facing our future.

## Campus Calendar

*"It is disturbing to discover in oneself these curious revelations of the validity of the Darwinian theory. If it is true that we have sprung from the ape, there are occasions when my own SPRING appears not to have been very far." Comedia Otis Skinner*

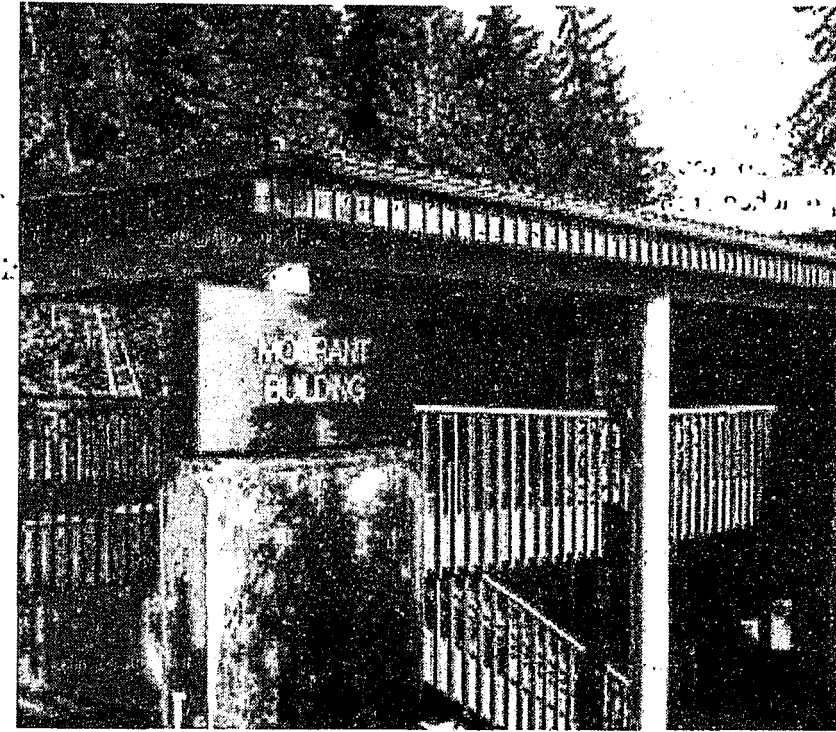


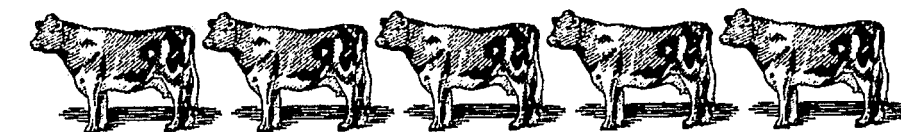
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Apr. 20 3-4 p.m.: Staff Council Meeting	May 11 Noon-8 p.m.: UAS Enrollment Day, UAS-Juneau
Apr. 21 1-5 p.m.: Creating Alaska-50th Anniversary of Alaska Constitution, Egan Lecture Hall	May 18 8-4 p.m.: Staff Council Meeting
Apr. 22 9 p.m.: Year End Dance, REC Center	<b>REC Center Regularly Scheduled Activities:</b>
Apr. 23 1-8:30 p.m.: PRIME for Life, Alcohol Education Training, Housing Lodge	Mondays: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Open Basketball
Apr. 23 7-9 p.m.: Ultimate Frisbee-Outdoors, Adair Kennedy Park	7:30-9:30 p.m., Intramural Volleyball
Apr. 27 9 a.m.-3 p.m.: UAS Enrollment Day, UAS-Juneau	Tuesdays: 8:30-10 p.m., Open Lacrosse
Apr. 28 2-5 p.m.: Year End BBQ, Mourant Courtyard	Wednesdays: 11:30-1 p.m., Open Basketball
May 1-5 Bookstore-Used book buy back, UAS-Juneau	6-8 p.m., Open Ultimate Frisbee
May 6 Commencement-Ketchikan	7:30-9:30 p.m., Intramural Basketball
May 7 Commencement-Juneau	Thursdays: 7-9 p.m., Open Indoor Soccer
May 9 Noon: Grades due to Records & Registration	Fridays: 5:30-8 pm, Open Volleyball
	6-8 pm, Open Ultimate Frisbee
	Saturdays: 7-10 pm, Volleyball & Basketball

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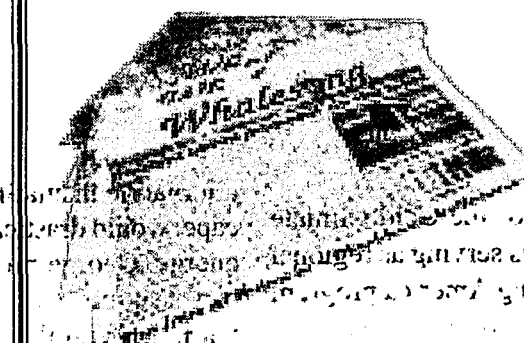


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# Opinion

*"If a nation's literature declines, the nation atrophies and decays." Ezra Pound*

## US stinks at foreign relations

By Stuart Thompson  
Whalesong Contributor

Consider these reasons why the US stinks at successful foreign relations and is forced into military solutions.

We acquired Nazi intelligence and foreign relations networks as WW II war booty. We happily came under the influence of these people because of their ready-made penetration into Communist controlled areas.

Two principles were used the most by these people to influence other countries to support German national interests. They are: 1) Divide and rule;

and 2) The enemy of my enemy is my friend. Impelled by the Cold War, these principles have subsequently driven our foreign policy ever since. That's why the US has a history of supporting "friendly" dictatorships and covertly supporting "friendly" insurgents and radicals against perceived opponents.

Examples are 1) Saddam Hussein against Ayatollah Khomeini's Iran; and 2) Bin Laden in Afghanistan against the USSR. Furthermore, it seems easier to bribe or bully dictators to support US interests than it is to obtain support from people-based governments

with cooperation and diplomacy. This was behind U.S. support of the 1973 overthrow of the Chilean democracy under Allende, and of the dictators like Pinochet that replaced it.

Unfortunately US government big shots and "experts" are still addicted to these principles. Look at how we currently invalidate democracies that don't automatically support our interests. Examples are France ("Freedom Fries" episode), and Venezuela. Then there are our miserable failures at using the UN to get willing international

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## Wandering through the peanut gallery

### A cynic's look at the venerable airline snack

By Rich Moniak  
The Whalesong

The flight from Juneau to Sitka is less than 30 minutes long, but I've been on it often enough the past few years that I can still fall asleep. Yesterday I was out before we took off and didn't wake up until the wheels met the runway. After opening my eyes, one of the first things I noticed was the peanuts.

I have to admit to being spoiled. Flying so much feeds the pretend image of importance for my ego by way of the gold label added to the MVP. I often get upgraded to first class at no cost. Maybe the more roomy seating makes the snooze come easier.

First class brings a little extra at-

tention from the flight attendants too. Normally the air time to Sitka is short enough so they don't bother with the in-flight snack. Yesterday was different. While I slept, she left two small bags of honey roasted peanuts on the armrest. Still drowsy from the nap, I picked them both up and placed them into a jacket pocket, saving them perhaps for an afternoon snack.

What is it about peanuts that makes them such standard fare of customer appeasement for the airline industry? Occasionally another tiny package of munchies is offered, but whatever those are, they come and go like the fashionable clothing. Peanuts persevere. The packaging may change, but they are still peanuts.

I looked at the bag again and won-

dered idly about how they have come to represent such a strange expectation, one that probably feeds our psyche's constant hunger for diversion more than satisfy our stomach's demands. It's a tiny bag that gives new meaning to the word nothing by its reverse approach to infinity, weighing in at a mere net of 0.42 ounces. How many peanuts can possibly be inside?

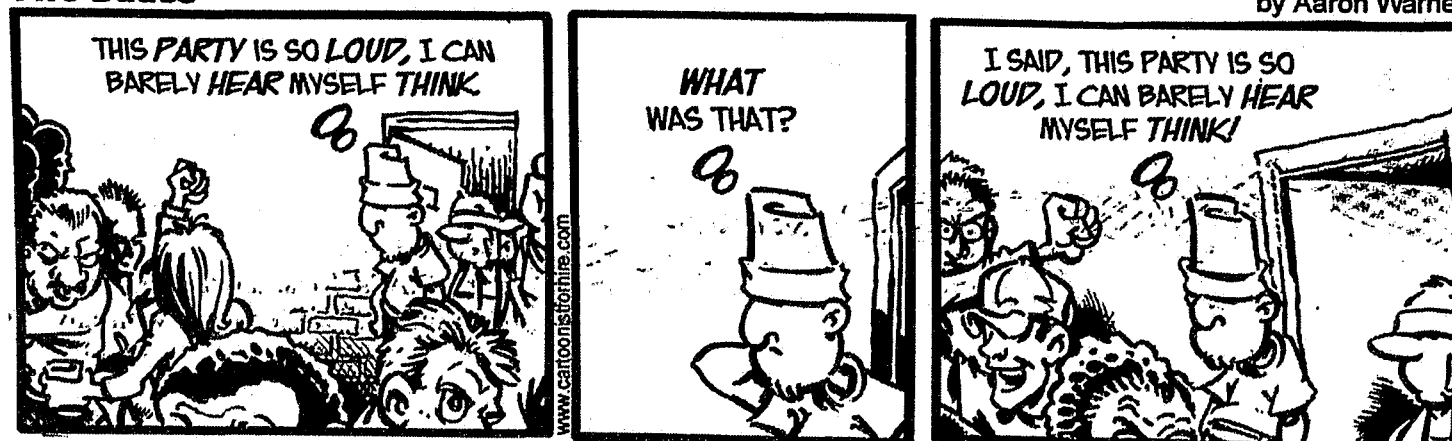
Why do they bother? Do they think we look forward to this so much that our day will wither away in depression without them? They can't possibly believe these help meet our daily intake of nutritional needs.

Do the flight attendants enjoy the role of the server more than the trumped up image of concern for our

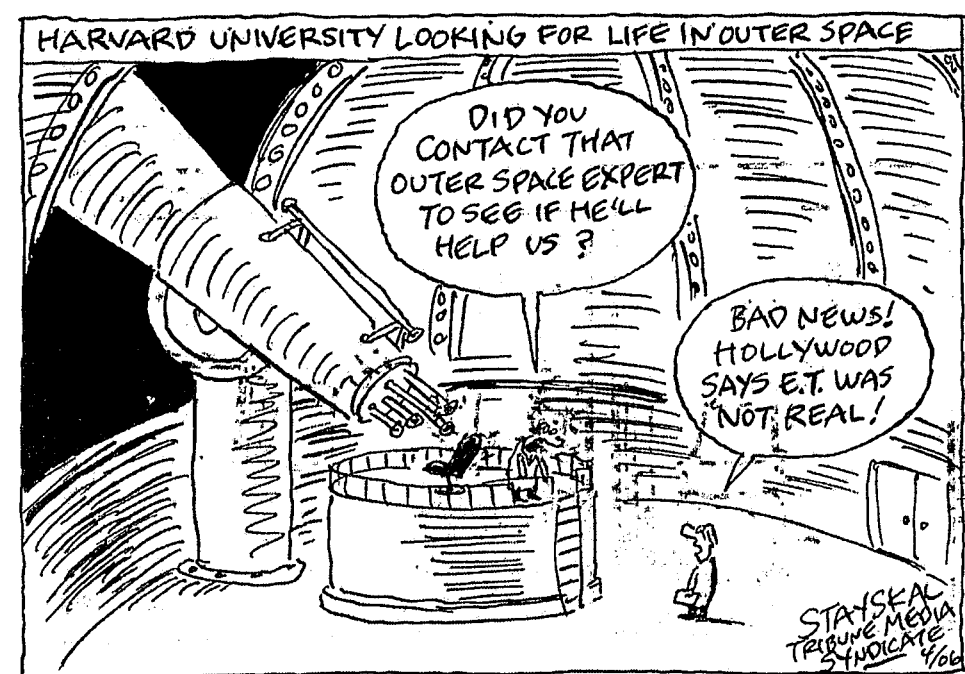
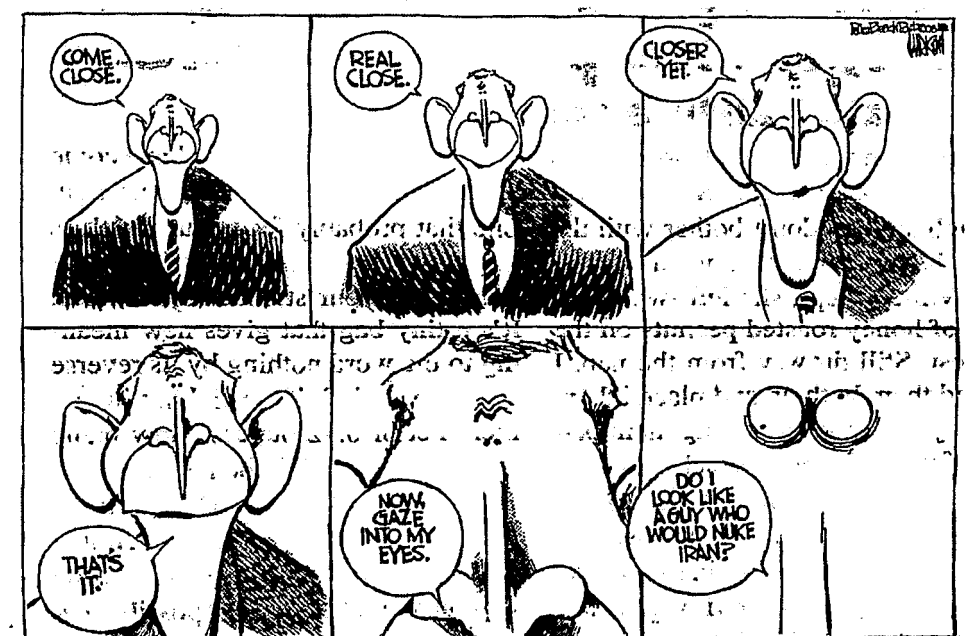
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### Two Dudes

by Aaron Warner



# Editorial cartoons



## UAS housing cult now accepting members

By Jess Coleman  
The Whalesong

UAS Student housing has had far-reaching effects on many residents throughout this academic year. Some chose to move and some were forced out into Alaska's unknown by vague policy and questionable leadership by housing authority.

If you spend much time in student housing, you will notice something is not quite right. Perhaps it is the cult-like atmosphere, or the biased treatment by the system's peons, better known as C.A.'s (Community Advisors). Have you ever been rattled from bed at 1 in the morning by a C.A. asking you to remove the root beer bottle placed in your window because it resembles a beer bottle?

It is possible that you have an "in" with the C.A.'s and receive special treatment as has been experienced by many. If you aren't, and say you like to party and have a little fun on the weekend then you have probably faced the wrath of the military-minded C.A.'s who prowl the grounds late at night looking to hamper your nightlife.

Joel Webb, former housing director, started the year out strong. He showed his mettle by summiting the hill behind housing late one night to bust a few individuals who chose to have a small fire and consume drinks instead of driving downtown to do so.

This set the bar high. From that moment on, student residents had the peace of mind in knowing that we were in the hands of a rogue force of authority who were willing to go to any length to secure housing's legacy of being the toughest around.

You may have read some articles at the beginning of the year relating to some partying or individuals being removed from housing for doing so. Being the author of these articles I was immediately chastised by Joel himself. Being the source of shame to the C.A.'s, I lost any and all hope of forming any friendship with any members of the "family." It seemed beyond them to realize that in college, students party.

While I was campaigning for the

office of UAS Student Senator, I was approached by a C.A. and asked if I was "trying to turn this school into to a party school." I took sympathy with her, realizing that she was in her late twenties, and it must be tough to be in school at that age trying to fit in with the younger social groups. Perhaps this is why she was against the college experience that most of us are looking for.

These are the type of people who are running student housing. They are representing UAS. I expect to see this form of treatment from a Catholic private school, but not a school that calls itself an open-enrollment university.

However, UAS housing does offer some very unpopular alternatives to the college experience. If we would like to have a get-together of eight or more friends without going through the trouble of registering the "event," we could find solace in knowing that we have access to the many high-school-style gatherings such as mocktails and our semi-formal with the "Night in Narnia" theme. Maybe we could fill our time with the C.A.-produced events, such as building wind chimes with Matt, or meeting a significant other at the "quick meet."

Another issue that has come to light in the past few weeks is that of confidentiality. On our campus, we have Peer Advocates, students who act as middle men between students in the event of a dispute or any other service that may be needed.

The problem with this program is that the confidentiality of students is not being held sacred. Talk between the C.A.'s and the P.A.'s on a social level is violating this. Not only is this illegal, but the university is leaving itself wide open for a lawsuit. It seems that this program, in addition to others, needs to be revised.

Universities around the country have many similar programs in place, and are finding success with their methods. I realize that the situation at UAS is unique in that we have a very small campus population and an even smaller number of students living in

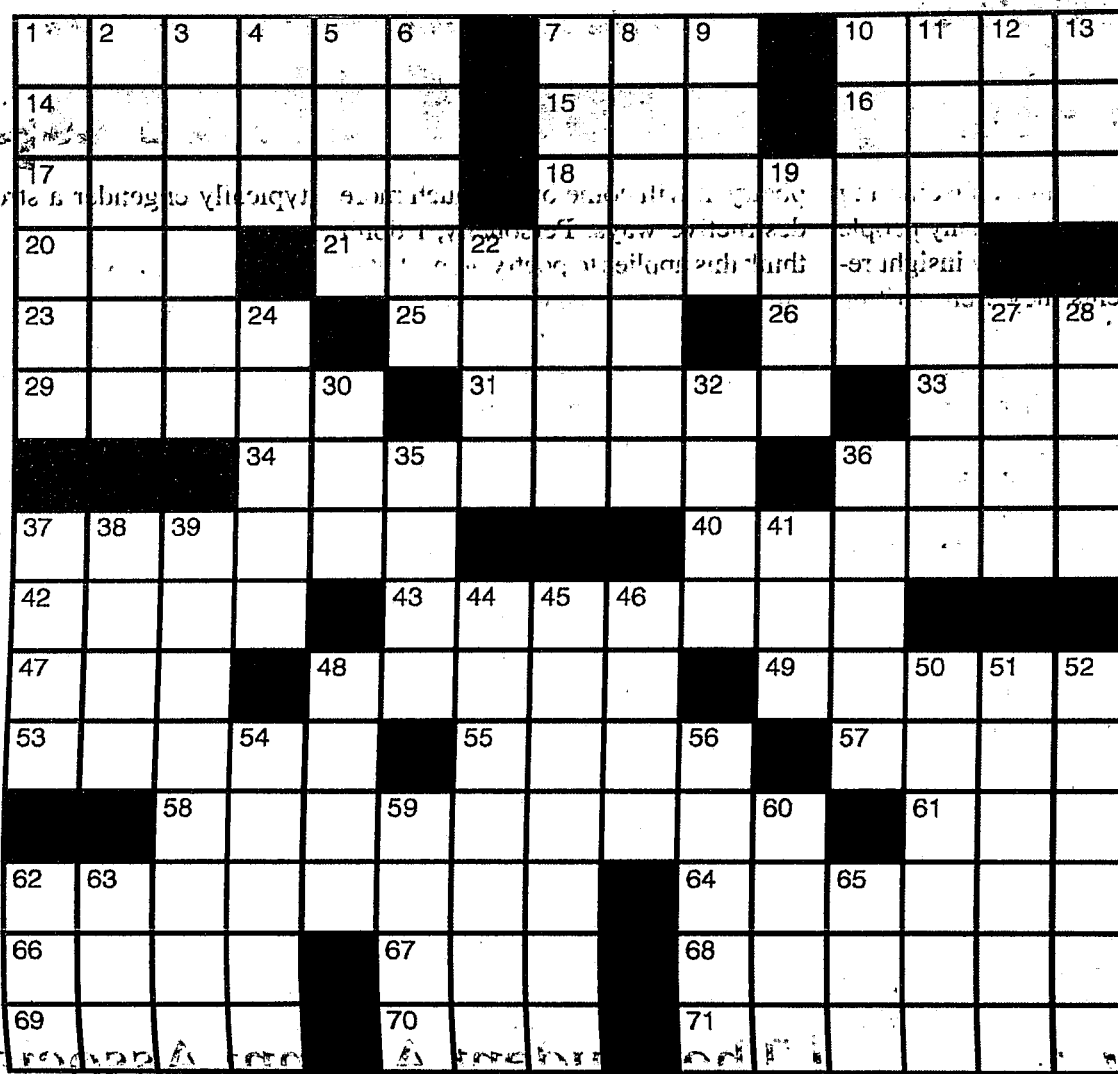
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# Crossword Puzzle

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## Across

- 1 Confront boldly  
7 West Coast airport code  
10 Serengeti sound  
14 Bauble  
15 Forever and a day  
16 Small Whirlpool  
17 Clan pattern  
18 Phone numbers?  
20 & so on  
21 Element Mg  
23 Auction off  
25 Soft shoes  
26 Frock  
29 Get the check  
31 The Divine Miss M  
33 Earl Gray, e.g.  
34 "The Dance" painter



- 36 Ring loudly  
37 Smooth, even style in music  
40 Craving  
42 WWII Losers  
43 Knife or fork  
47 Full hairpiece  
48 Determination  
49 Muslim holy city  
53 Belle of the Old West  
55 Marceau, e.g.  
57 Mend socks  
58 Charcot's medical field  
61 Consent to  
62 Approximate calculation  
64 Ethnic  
66 Related be blood  
67 Quaker pronoun  
68 Slip by, as time  
69 Muscle twitches  
70 Pro vote

## Down

- 1 Bear witness  
2 Volcano opening  
3 Run rings around  
4 Frequently, in poetry  
5 Kind of drunk  
6 Coffeebreak hr.  
7 Otherworldly sessions  
8 Wooded tracts  
9 Singles  
10 Come up again  
11 Dashboard counter  
12 Contribute  
13 Deli loaf  
19 Assistant  
22 Asian desert  
24 Tibetan monks  
27 Bodies of water  
28 Shaker filler  
30 Do lacework  
32 Asian holidays  
35 Duty assignment  
36 in a stack  
37 Statutes  
38 Way out  
39 Humongous  
41 That man  
44 New Testament book  
45 Visual spell  
46 Verne's captain  
48 Bongo or conga  
50 Islamic leader  
51 Trouser fold  
52 Rack element  
54 Bridle straps  
56 White heron  
59 Pro (in proportion)  
60 New Haven school  
62 Wolf down  
63 Travel on snow  
65 Cool dude

## Tim Burch disqualified as student President

By Jess Coleman  
The Whalesong

In light of recent misdoings, Tim Burch was disqualified from the USUAS-JC student government elections in which he had received the majority of votes for president.

In a meeting Monday, it was brought to the election board's attention that campaign tactics used by Burch's campaign were in violation of the USUAS-JC's constitution. Accusations included Burch using Myspace.com, an Internet community website, to campaign as well as placing campaign posters in prohibited areas as defined in the USUAS-JC constitution. William Andrews will be president by default.

**RESULTS ARE CERTIFIED**

**President**  
William Andrews

**Vice President**  
Lindsey Forrest

**Senators**  
1) Anna (Anya) Danilova  
2) Sophie Stradley  
3) Kevin Skeek  
4) Stephanie Ashley

# Student Interests

*"Life is something that everyone should try at least once." Henry J. Tillman*

## Why try do-it-yourself therapy?

By Shana Crondahl  
The Whalesong

I learn many interesting things every school year. I find the intangible, seemingly unimportant things to be even more thought-provoking than most of the factual information I am supposed to be learning.

One of my favorite things I learned last year was the term "displacement activity," which means anything you do when you're putting off what you're really supposed to be doing.

For example, how many of us procrastinate doing our laundry until we have a paper or a project due, or an exam we should be studying for? Wow! I had no idea there was a specific term for that thing I have always been so good at!

This year I had several creative writing classes for the first time in my

life. Probably the most fascinating thing I learned was how many people in those classes found new insight regarding the events they were writing about, simply through the process of writing about them, work-shopping the writing with the other students, and editing and clarifying what they had written, based on the comments made by others during the work-shopping.

At least once per semester (in the two classes I've had), someone sheds a few tears during the process: Last semester, that was I, coming to terms with the emotional significance of a cousin who no longer speaks to me.

Lynne Shaver is one of the students this semester in UAS Assistant Professor of English Ernestine Hayes' Memoir Writing class who found it to be therapeutic. "There's a saying among poets that goes something like this: if you don't write your own personal

poetry, it will come out in much more destructive ways. Personally, I don't think this applies to poetry alone, but to any form of personal writing, including memoir," said Shaver.

Writing about meaningful events actually helps people to come to terms with and see the events in their lives in a new light. UAS Assistant Professor of Psychology Mariah Coe, who has studied the benefits of writing as a component of therapy, says that in order for writing to be useful as therapy, the writer must feel that they are in a supportive environment.

Hayes fosters a supportive atmosphere in her classes by encouraging students to write about events that are truly meaningful to them, by teaching them different ways of writing about the meaning of events, and by telling students that what happens in class, should stay in class. Her classes

typically engender a strong esprit de corps.

In Fall, 2006 Hayes will be teaching "Introduction to Creative Writing," "Literature of Alaska: Native and Non-Native Perspectives," and "A Sense of Place: Alaska and Beyond."

There are many other benefits to creative writing than simply gaining insight, including improving your writing, not just in fiction, but also in non-fiction, thinking critically about experiences, and learning to translate those experiences into a medium that you can share with others.

"If we don't write, we are giving away the opportunity to really know ourselves. Furthermore, we deprive others of knowing us through our writing," said Shaver. "For me personally, getting my story out on paper and having it work-shopped was pure emotional release!"

**Congratulations  
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**Good Luck in all  
future  
endeavors!**



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Evelyn Williams

## Drafting Technology

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Lisa Rae Gardner  
Dugan Thomas Greenwell  
Michael Eugene Hupp  
Melanie Summer Reed

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Heidi Jo Koski  
Rosa Linda Mergenthal  
Jacqueline Ann Seeger  
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Holly C. Wiltse

*magna cum laude*

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*cum laude*

## Construction Technology

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Sterling Ambrose Snyder  
*magna cum laude*

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Kathryn E. Fagerstrom  
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Tamera Nicks

*cum laude*

Breanna Lee Sharp

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Emily Rose McLean

Richard J. Morrison

Kai Jeffery Ottesen

Melanie Summer Reed

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*cum laude*

April L. Bowlby

Christin Rebecca Howard

Edward Winston Jones

Holly Dawn Mitchell

Abigail Joan O'Brien

*cum laude*

Daniel Christian Peterson

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Paul A. Reichert

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Mary R. Shales

*cum laude*

Kevin James Stell

Marisela Velázquez

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Hanna M. Stickel

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Shawn Howard Taplin

Thomas Allen Vanourney

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Traci Lynn Shaffner

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*magna cum laude*

Leona Pat Coleman

Heather Lee Conn

*cum laude*

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## Academia feels shadow of government

By Vincent J. Schodolski  
Chicago Tribune (KRT)

On March 10, Latin American history professor Miguel Tinker-Salas was sitting in his office at Pomona College expecting students during his regular office hours.

Instead, two Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies walked in and started questioning the Venezuelan-born professor.

"The main focus of their questioning had to do with the Venezuelan community in (Southern California) and their desire to develop a profile of this community," Tinker-Salas said in an interview.

The deputies were gathering information for an FBI-led terrorism task force, something that unnerved Tinker-Salas and later the president of Pomona College, David Oxtoby, who circulated a concerned e-mail to faculty, students and alumni.

The concern centered on the chilling effect such visits could have on the spirit of openness and academic freedom at the college, near Los Angeles in Claremont, Calif. Similar concerns were expressed during the debate surrounding congressional renewal of the USA Patriot Act.

Moreover, the American Civil Liberties Union has raised broader questions about the Bush administration's denials of visas to foreign scholars and others in what some see as a political effort to bar dissident voices from the country.

The ACLU has filed two related lawsuits. In the first, the group is pressing the administration to turn over documents that could shed light on why certain individuals were denied entry into the United States; in a second, the ACLU challenges aspects of the Patriot Act, arguing that ideological considerations, and not terrorist concerns, are being used to keep certain academics out of the country.

"We think that there is increasing evidence that the government is using the law to manipulate the flow of information into this country," said Jameel Jaffer, a staff attorney with the ACLU. "The way the government is using the law is to exclude people who have disagreed with U.S. policy."

The second ACLU lawsuit seeking to change aspects of the Patriot Act also names Tariq Ramadan as the symbolic plaintiff. Ramadan, a Swiss national barred by the U.S. government from entering the

country, was set to take a position at the University of Notre Dame.

A number of cases have raised concerns across the nation:

Bolivian historian Waskar Ari, hired recently to teach at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, has been denied a visa to enter the U.S.

Last month a group of 59 Cuban scholars was refused entry to Puerto Rico, a U.S. commonwealth, to attend an academic conference.

Dora Maria Tellez, a leading member of the Sandinista Liberation Movement in Nicaragua who is now a college professor, was denied permission to enter the U.S. to teach at Harvard University.

Maura Harty, an assistant secretary of state in the Bureau of Consular Affairs, said that the vast majority of visas for students and professors are processed efficiently and the visas are issued.

She said she regretted any unwarranted delays but noted that the process of granting visas had become more complicated in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"We need to strike a balance between securing our borders and open doors," she said.

Harty refused to comment on specific cases where visas had been denied, but she noted that all visa applications have to be vetted by officials in the Department of Homeland Security before they are passed to the State Department.

In the case of Tinker-Salas, Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca said that he would henceforth discourage deputies from interviewing academics on campus.

The FBI issued a statement in which it said government officials should consider the timing, and the venue of their interviews. The statement also said the government had no intention of placing the professor or Pomona students in "an uncomfortable situation."

"We must acknowledge the potential that academics have links to terrorism," Harold Krent, a dean and professor at the Chicago-Kent College of Law, said by e-mail. "But with these recent investigations (it is clear) that our government should move with extreme caution in investigating academics both for fear of shutting out speech and of chilling

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## The Whalesong

### From Satre, Pg. 1

Satre a beautiful glass award. Satre remembers giving her introduction interview to a cameraman, who then edited it and played it on the big screen while she accepted her award.

"It was really professionally done," Satre states. "Our sponsor came up with me and handed me the award. He then gave us a chance to thank whoever we wanted to thank."

Satre was specifically nominated for her service with Cancer Connection, which brings cancer patients together.

"Cancer Connection's mission is to connect people with resources, whether it's travel assistance, counseling, or if they need the buddy program," Satre explained. "This kind of connection really helps people in their time of need."

*"Cancer Connection was created to help those during the scary times."*

Satre went on further to explain once the American Cancer Society pulled out of Juneau and the Alaska Airlines upgrade program went away, there was nothing for people in the Southeast. Once someone was diagnosed with cancer, they generally had to leave the community to get the treatment. Cancer Connection was created to help those during the scary times.

Satre became a part of Cancer Connection in 1997 when she was diagnosed with cancer, although, then the name of the organization was called the Southeast Alaska Cancer Wellness Foundation. They changed the name last year to Cancer Connection.

"I think the name change was a really good idea," Satre said. "All of a sudden everyone knows that we are on the map."

After being diagnosed with cancer and going through the ordeal of telling her family and taking the treatment, she decided to help others with the same problems. Using the Rotary motto, "Service above self," Satre set out to help those through their hard times. She would like to go on the road and share her story and do some public speaking to offer survivors and nurses or to help with prevention information.

"I am feeling that I am in the time of my life to help make a difference," Satre said. "Nothing is better than helping somebody through the crises and feeling like you may have been of some assistance."

## The Whalesong

### From Peanuts, Pg. 4

safety? I don't imagine that they find pleasure in the being the trash collector afterwards, walking the aisles with a white plastic bag for the deposit of the tiny refuse of empty bags like this.

This one is a red bag with fancy white lettering that suggests someone named Fisher roasted the peanuts in honey. In the finer print on the back, above the deceptive "Nutrition Facts," John B. Sanfilippo & Son Inc., of Elgin, Illinois takes credit for distributing them. Who else helped bring me these edible bits of entertainment?

Who at Alaska Airlines negotiated the contract with Sanfilippo to provide them? Who decided the quantity of 12 grams was the right amount? Did they bicker over the price, or was it a low bid? Maybe the Alaska Airlines buyers at corporate headquarters were visited by a seductively convincing salesman.

Maybe it's all part of a bigger partnership, that buzz word that implies corporations are working together as if they are genuinely interested in the profit earned by others as much as what they can share with their share-

holders.

Who designed the packaging? Someone had to select the different fonts used for Fisher, Honey Roasted, and Peanuts. Did they think anyone besides a real nut like me would pay any attention to the finer details of the advertising opportunity on the bag? Maybe that's why they choose red. No other color could stand out as much.

*Can all this effort possibly be worth being the butt end of so many jokes?*

Did the artistic idea for the appearance get tested and reviewed by someone else in the company before the machine began stamping the label on thousands, maybe millions of plastic sheets? Who designed the machine

that prints the labels?

For that matter, who designed the one that cuts up the sheets and seals the ends, protecting the precious cargo for the days, weeks, or months that pass between the roasting and tasting at its final destination? Who operates the machines to make sure they run smoothly? How many do they have? How many workers do they employ just for these peanut sized bags of peanuts?

Who built the plant that roasts and packages the nuts? Imagine if all that steel or concrete was dedicated to just peanuts. Who maintains those buildings, keeping the floors and conveyor belts clean so the processed morsels stay pure and clean? How much power does the plant use to produce these near nothings of a product?

What about the packaging that bounds up all the little bags for shipment? Who designed those packages? What happens when they leave the plant? What trucking company ships them to wherever they need to go to get their boarding pass as cargo on a flight to Juneau? Who picks them up here or the other cities Alaska Airlines flies into? Where are they stored until the day they're called to serve their final duty?

Can all this effort possibly be worth being the butt end of a lot of jokes? Does it all make sense, that so many people have a role in meagerly feeding the passengers for the sake of the wheel of our cultural consumerism that spins around free enterprise? Who along the way feels they contribute to a better society? I can't imagine the person who operates the roasting machine goes home every night proud of their accomplishment. Nor do I believe that Sanfilippo or his son deserve any community recognition award for adding to our pursuit of life, liberty and happiness.

Of course, am I that much different? I'm just an engineer working for the government, riding the same wheel on a different spoke, laundering the taxpayer dollar back into the system for others to have a piece of the pie, or a few extra peanuts in this case.

What else do I buy that empties the word meaning till it can't be any less? How much waste along the way is produced by those other processes of advertising, buying and selling that

mirror the manufacturing, packaging and shipping that are all embroidered into the theme of consumption? Imagine the grocery store aisle containing all the snacks prepackaged into smaller pouches all shipped in bigger boxes on larger crates in huge containers. And that's just the food we buy. Picture all the other junk eyeing us as we walk through a Fred Meyer or by a novelty store in a mall.

*Imagine for a moment if we took some of this human energy and funneled it into solving even a few of the world's social problems.*

Don't get me wrong, I'm not opposed to full employment, nor do I think it's all worthless. But is it all worthy of the effort and energy and natural resources that wind up in a plastic bag that ultimately gets crushed a few dozen times till the weight of the landfills can't squeeze any more out?

Imagine for a moment if we took some of this human energy and funneled it into solving even a few of the world's social problems. Imagine the creative geniuses in the advertising world using their minds to find innovative ways to approach problems like poverty, crime and maintaining a clean and healthy environment. Think of putting to use the imaginations of workers in the factories who might be freed from the monotony of the assembly line. What could we as a culture accomplish if we genuinely placed people before profit and production more often?

Would we miss the peanuts? I open the bag and count 16, then realize my day wouldn't have been the same without this tiny token of the airline's interest in their customers.

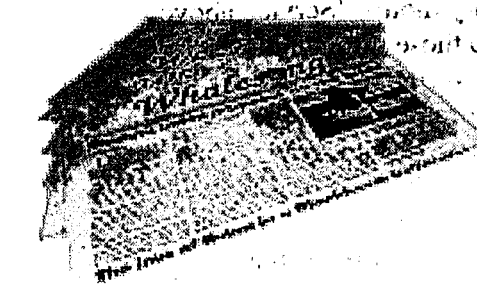


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## From Housing, Cult, Pg. 5

student housing.

I feel that there are lessons that can be learned from bigger schools that have been around longer and have programs that have been running strong for many years. These lessons will be invaluable in the years to come, both legally and for the overall morale on campus.

Keep in mind, students at the legal age of consumption will consume, and students who want to party will party. Welcome to college.

## Final Thoughts

By Alex Marvel  
The Whalesong

All right, so Jess raised some good points about some problems facing the administrative side of life up at UAS housing. However, I think that some final thoughts are needed, so in summation, here are my two cents.

Why is it that if you want to have eight or more people in your apartment at one time, you have to register the

event with UAS housing staff at least 24 hours ahead of time? There are four people in a regular apartment, and if they all have one friend over at the same time it's considered a "party" in the eyes of housing administration. For the love of god, ladies, this is college! The best days of our relatively short lives, and the rules that students are forced to sign up for are out of proportion for a university this size.

Yet another rule for those of us who are over the age of 21, found in the blue student handbooks that we all had to vow to adhere to upon moving in, states that each apartment may not have more than a bit over a gallon of alcohol per person. Being a beer connoisseur, I can tell you that a gallon of beer can be easily spent in an evening of sub-par partying, and further more, it is my legal right to be able to own and consume alcohol to a limit where my blood alcohol content (BAC) is less than .008. Yet my BAC only applies to situations where I find myself in public. In the confines of one's own apartment, one would be legally allowed to consume as much or as little

alcohol as they wished.

However, I think that the rules that are laid down by the university for those who live on campus are fine!

The rules that the C.A.'s and the administration choose to enforce are for the good of the student body as a whole, yet I believe there to be, nay, I know there be a complex, an ideology, that those who enforce policy tend to develop. I was a C.A., right in Banfield, and as I'm sure many students who were around for the '04-'05 academic year can tell you, I too developed this superiority complex.

There was nothing I liked more than busting students for smoking weed, or waiting up for intoxicated residents to come back from a dance. It was a rush, and like so many thrills in the world today, it was highly addictive.

In my opinion, within this theory lies the answer to Mr. Coleman's frustrations. Remember folks, he came from a much larger university where not only were the rules different, but the enforcement seems to have been more laid back as well. Those who have lost touch with the golden rule

of student governance of "the student comes first" have been on a high of busting "morally confused" kids all year.

If I had kept it in the front of my mind that I was there to help and encourage students, and not be out to take them down (as Washko often tried to remind me) I think, like those who hold the position now, I could have benefited myself, and more importantly, you all.

*"Beer does not deserve to be poured down sinks"*

So, to those of you who just got hired by UAS to be Community Advisors, or Peer Advocates, remember that confidentially isn't just a good idea, it's the law; beer does not deserve to be poured down sinks; and most of all, that college students will be...college students, and it's ok. A few lessons that not just I forgot, but that others this year could have benefited from as well.

Crossword Solutions:  
crossword on page 6

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## The Whalesong

## Through the looking glass: Stupid stunts

By Mike Pingree  
(KRT)

YOU'RE NOT MAD, ARE YOU SWEETIE ... AIBEE!

A man and his girlfriend were out drinking at a pub in Thatcham, England, when a stripper began performing at a nearby stag party. The man used the girlfriend's cell phone to take a picture of the naked lady. When they got home, she registered her displeasure by stabbing him several times.

tions to Uluru, a 1,000-foot-high rock that is billed as the world's greatest monolith. This immediately alerted them to the fact that he was drunk, because the mountainous rock was right in front of him and his headlights were shining on it.

HEY BABY, TAKE A LOOK AT ... CRASH!

A man in Hamburg, Germany, borrowed a Ferrari 360 Modena and took it out for a drive when he spotted a beautiful woman walking along the street. To impress her, he hit the gas, showing her that he was a man in full control of a very powerful and expensive piece of automotive machinery. The car bounced off a tree, hit a road sign, went through a fence and smashed into a lamppost.

MAY I USE YOUR BATHROOM, SIR?

A woman got into a heated argument with some relatives at their Utah home, during which she ripped off her clothes, got into her car and drove away. She was apprehended a short time later taking a shower in a stranger's home nearby. Police suspect she was under the influence of methamphetamines.

IT JUST DIDN'T WORK OUT

A falconer in Malham, England, sold his pet African tawny eagle, named Lucy, for \$4,500 to a fellow bird guy in Reading, 200 miles to the south. But as soon as the new owner took Lucy out spread her wings, the bird took off and flew back to her old home. The previous owner refunded the money and kept her.

NOW COMES THE REAL PUNISHMENT

The accountant of a New York heart disease charity was caught embezzling more than \$237,000. He used the money to pay a professional dominatrix to punish him. He is going to jail, and his wife is divorcing him.

I HOPE YOU STILL LOVE ME HONEY ... HONEY?

During a wedding in Swaziland, a private detective came in and repossessed the wedding rings. He was sent by the jeweler, after the groom's check

I THINK IT'S AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE

A drunk driver in central Australia pulled over and flagged down police late at night to ask direc-

## From Academia, Pg. 8

both speech and association as in the (Tinker-Salas) case."

As for Waskar Ari, officials at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln said last month that they remain in the dark about why the government refused to issue a visa.

Ari said that he still has no idea what was holding up his visa.

Unofficially, Ari has been told that his visa application was being held up because of a Homeland Security background investigation. The university had applied for an expedited visa for Ari in June.

"In mid-October a friend of mine with good connections at the federal government told me that I was under intense investigation," he said in an e-mail exchange from Bolivia, where he is teaching history again.

"She said more than one U.S. agency of intelligence was checking my background and with no time limits. Then I was aware how serious was this case. I do not know how long this is going to last and how long the UNL (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) is going to wait for me."

University officials are puzzled as well.

"He is still in limbo," said Patrick Jones, an as-

sistant professor of history. "We have not been given any information formally of what the problem is."

Jones said he was not sure whether politics played a role in Ari's visa situation, "but he is seen as a moderate in Bolivia and is criticized for being too pro-American."

Ari received his doctorate from Georgetown University, Jones noted.

Chuck Tripp, a professor of political science at Westminster College in Salt Lake City, saw politics at play in the case of the Venezuelan and Bolivian professors.

"Unfortunately, in both cases," Tripp said, "... no individual legal rights have been violated and, further, as far as I can tell, the academic freedoms of these two gentlemen have not been assaulted, even though we might expect as much. In other words, there's no clear proof of (politics)."

The administration has been heavily critical of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, and Chavez has lashed out against President Bush. Also relations between the administration and Bolivia's new president, Evo Morales, a populist like Chavez, have been troubled.

Tinker-Salas, at Pomona College, said that the sheriff's deputies wanted to know if there were lead-

ers in the Venezuelan community, who they were and where the community congregated.

He said he told them that the community, such as it was, tended to be in Miami, not Los Angeles.

"They then asked about the relationship between the community and the Venezuelan government, embassy and other officials," he recalled, speaking of the meeting he said lasted about 25 minutes.

"The professor, a specialist in Latin America, said he told the deputies that most of the information they were seeking was available through a simple Internet search. But he said that when he spoke that way to the deputies, they changed their approach."

"When pushed on these matters the questions turned personal," he said, "about my citizenship, the school from which I graduated. Again questions to which they had the answers since in their portfolio was a copy of my Pomona College Web profile that gave them this information."

Tinker-Salas said he and the college's president had discussed the incident.

"My concerns, as President Oxtoby has already stated, have to do with academic freedoms and the impact that this sort of visit has on our ability to critically engage and debate issues without fear of government intervention," he said.

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## "Tidal Echoes" hosts release shindig

By John S. Sonlin  
The Whalesong

The UAS Literary & Arts Journal "Tidal Echoes" had its 2006 book release party on April 21 in the Egan Library Auditorium with special readings by poets Linda McCarriston, Emily Wall and Ernestine Hayes.

Featuring the work of students, faculty and staff, this yearly publication is a state-of-the-art expression of the University's literary talent.

This year's edition included works by UAS Public Relations Manager Kevin Myers, "Tidal Echoes" Editor Ryan Sotomayor, and authors and artists Ekaterina Oleksa, Rick Morrison, Holly Mitchell, Allison Canik, Nick Parmentier, Tess Quinn, Melanie Reed, Lily Hudson, Mykel Allan, Kai Otteson, Tia Anderson, Mariah Warren, Emily Soplanda and Chris Grinder.

The mellow strumming of guitarist Matthew Coppic, serenading those

who attended the Spike's pre-release reception, could not take the emotional edge off works like Oleksa's "Whose House" or the harried sensation created by Otteson's "Illiterate, I."

The 2006 "Tidal Echoes" anthology, along with the 2005 edition, were created under the faculty advising of UAS Assistant Professor of English Professor Ernestine Hayes. Now in its fourth year of publication, the journal began under former Assistant Professor of English Alexis Easley.

With the literary contributions of these 17 campus personalities, and adorning artwork by the Native Student Resource Center, along with many of the authors themselves, this year's "Tidal Echoes" installment looks to be a coffee table conversation piece for years to come.

Copies can be acquired by request to Ernestine Hayes or Virginia Berg in the Arts and Humanities office of the Sobeloff Building.



Photo by Virginia Berg  
Ekaterina Oleksa (above) gives a riveting reading of her work during the "Tidal Echoes" release.



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Matthew Coppic provided the music for the 2006 "Tidal Echoes" pre-release reception at Spike's Cafe.

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## UAS student enjoys studying in France

By David Ignell  
UAS Exchange Student

First, let me explain what's going on in the French political arena right now. The government just passed a law that eliminated the old work contract. Under this contract, an employer could hire a student, approximately 25-30 years old, who after three months of work, would become a permanent employee.

As a result, employers would not hire younger students right out of college because they were worried about the flippancy of those who might work hard for three months and then slack off for the rest of their career. The only way to fire a person was to prove that they were hurting the firm or that the firm could no longer pay for this position (which would ultimately require the company to declare bankruptcy).

This hesitancy to hire has been a major contribution to the exorbitant unemployment rate in France (15-20 percent) and is a partial cause of the continuing recession for the past number of years.

At any rate, the recent law that was passed extended this interim period from three months to two years. The young people are revolting over this.

Basically, an employer could hire a young person and fire them before the two years are over if they wanted, regardless of the reason. Thus the young people are striking.

On March 28 there was a national strike by the five major unions. All major forms of transportation shut down and post offices were closed. Our school also shut down as a preventative measure.

Anyways, nothing horribly terrible is happening. The "riots" are non-existent. The logic behind the protests is very weak, given that very few employers will hire a person for

two years and then toss them out for a new employee.

High training costs and high employee turnover is a strong deterrent. The hiring/firing thing would only happen in a job like an internship. No one is getting hurt, except the few people in Paris who think violence is the way to get a point across. But Angers is extremely calm, and France is treating me quite nicely.

I have frequented Paris, Josselin, Mont Saint-Michel, Saint Malo, Chambord, Chenonceau, Azay-le-Rizeau, and Lyon, amongst Angers, of course. And, I will be visiting the Normandy beaches and the WWII museum in Caen.

Lyon and Josselin are my two favorite cities. If I had to chose, I would pick Josselin. It is a quaint town next to a river. The chateau is still owned by the Rohan family, therefore it is more of a "real" town than the others. It is everything you would think of in a French town, and I left a part of my heart there.

Lyon is a bit bigger, but it is still gorgeous. The houses in Lyon are painted different colors, which was a pleasant change from the yellow limestone of nearly all the houses in the Pays-de-la-Loire. Lyons has a cathedral at the top of the hill with a gorgeous park in front of it. The first night we were there, we walked around the park. It has these little lights that sparkle and shimmer, and it was incredibly romantic, unfortunately wasted on us.

I was a little disappointed with the Lyonnais food, but partly because I was stupid. The first night, I didn't use an English menu and I ended up ordering tripe, which is intestine. The taste wasn't all that bad; the texture, however, was like meat grizzle.

Classes are going fine. It was hard

getting over the fact that a 14/20 on a test is the US equivalent of an A, and will transfer as such. At least, that's what I'm told. I am taking the equivalent of 24 credits here, which is why I am incommunicado, except with my parents, which, I'm told, is extremely odd to all the other kids. They hardly talk with their parents, which would be one of the reasons one of their parents called them at 11:30 p.m. to see if they were okay. They didn't want to "lose them" to the rioters.

Before classes started, we were told by numerous people that we wouldn't have any homework. That was a lie. I am swamped with homework, mostly from my Langue class. I am reading, slowly, four different books for my classes (we are reading Camus' "Le Peste" in one of my classes... it's pure torture). But I don't regret taking so many classes because it gives me a broad range of vocabulary and grammar skills.

Yet, despite this, I feel like I am not learning as much as I want to or as quickly. I want to be fluent now and not have to stutter and stumble like I have a speech impediment. I want to be able to understand everything the people are saying.

But the French have this nasty habit of shortening words and slurring everything together. Think Steven Zinn on fast forward. I thought no one could talk faster, but all the French do, especially the younger ones.

Instead of "Je ne suis pas..." they say "Shsuis pas," turning the "Je" into a "sh" and dropping the "ne" altogether. It's extremely confusing, especially when I first learned to recognize negation in oral speaking through the employment of the "ne." Now I have to recognize it from the "pas," which can also be rolled into other words.

There is hope for me though. I watched the news last night and today in my Comprehension Orale class, and understood a lot more than I used to. I have been progressing even within the last few days. I made my train tickets to the Pyrenees, and I understood the reservationists extremely well. So, it's not all bad as it seems. It's just not what I would like it to be.

I am going to have a blast for spring break. The first week, I will be doing a six day hike through the Pyrenees, the GR10 trail. Then I am going to hike into Andorre, which is a little country between Spain and France.

I may ski for a little bit, since Andorre is reputed to be a budget ski resort. However, I don't think there will be any snow there. Tant pis. But I will have fun regardless.

The second week I will be in Collioure, a small anchovy fishing port in the Eastern Pyrenees which is heralded as extremely picturesque and is one of the furthest points down in France. My only plan for this period of time is to lie on the beach with a book and a carton of Haagen-Daas coffee ice cream. That and windsurf or kiteboard.

Then, I return to Angers for classes the May 2 and promptly return to the south of France the following weekend for the National Congress with my youth group.

After that, there is one more excursion to the Cointreau museum with my AHA/NCSA group. Cointreau makes either champagne or some hard liquor.

The rest of the weekends, I am planning to rent a bike and ride to the Atlantic coast for a little soleil and wakeboarding, if I have the money. If not, I will stay home and do homework. That, or rent a bike and just visit the various sites around the Loire Valley.

naturally reveal US government hypocrisy and faithlessness for our enemies to take advantage of; and 2) cause dependence on mercenary relationships with other countries, rather than developing real lasting allies. Why must the U.S. struggle by depending on principles popular with losers like the Nazis? Why can't successful methodologies formulated by US Founders and our great statesmen be applied?



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A group of soldiers march off to war during WWII.

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support for our just interests. This is despite over 200 years of experience at aligning competing selfish interests in our institution called Congress. In other words, we continue to ignore using our successful free government methodologies to settle our foreign relations problems. Consequently, the Nazi influenced foreign relations methodologies we have been using do two things. They 1)



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choose whether or not to inform those named in it.

Howard became aware of the possible violation of the by-laws when a rebuttal to her allegations appeared on a blog website maintained by Burch. "I submitted the complaint on March 30 and the following day, before the committee had even met, he was saying things on his blog that specifically addressed the issues I had raised," said Howard.

"I resigned because the integrity of the group had been compromised and I no longer wanted to be a part of it," said Howard following her discovery of Burch's comments on the blog, "and because I wanted to make the incident public. I didn't want it to be trivialized."



Photo by Shana Crondahl  
UAS Senators Lindsey Forrest, Christin Howard, Jenn Legat, and Sophie Stradley air their grievances regarding UAS Student Senate President Cachet Garrett's lack of performance at a meeting on March 24.

Howard included with her letter of resignation a copy of the statements from Burch's blog. In it were postings that addressed almost point for point the accusations in Howard's complaint. The postings have since been removed from the blog.

When asked to respond to the allegation, Satre said she mentioned to Burch that "issues concerning him were to be taken up by the elections committee." She went on to say, however, that she did not mention any specifics involved in the complaint, and only brought it up with Burch so he could be available to address the violations at the next meeting of the elections committee.

But the constitution is clear in pointing out that this information is confidential. Anna-Mariah Kelly, an administrative aid for the student government and ex-officio advisory member of the election committee agreed

saying, "once a complaint is received, the whole process is confidential."

Even with Satre stating that she informed Burch he was named in a complaint, this does not explain the specific references to its contents that appeared on his blog. Burch responded to questions about the alleged leak by saying first that he believes "confidentiality is important," but then conceded he had been given information from the report.

Asked why he would then use this information to his advantage, Burch said, "When I received the information I wasn't aware it was confidential." When questioned on the source of the information, Burch replied "I'm not going to say that on the record."

Senators have expressed their concerns and suspicions about who

disclosed the details of the report. In her letter of resignation, Howard named the three people who had access to the report: student senator and acting election committee chairperson Jenn Legat, Satre and Kelly, who were both ex-officio advisory members of the committee.

Howard now said that, based on the timing of Burch's blog entries and other specifics of the incident, she believes Satre is the party responsible for the leaked information. Though wishing to remain unnamed, other senators have made similar statements.

"I think it is very unlikely that either of the others, Legat or Anna-Mariah, were responsible," said one. However, when asked to support their beliefs, most could only point to the close relationship maintained by Satre and Burch as a likely reason.

The latest incident comes at the end

of a one-year span that has seen the resignation of five student senators, impeachment proceedings against the student president, and bitter infighting among members of the student



Photo by Shana Crondahl  
UAS Dean of Students Paul Kraft and UAS students observing the UAS Student Senate hearing on Friday, March 24, 2006.

government.

"We couldn't get anything resolved or accomplished because of all the internal issues," said Legat.

In what has become the contentious atmosphere of the student government, opinions vary widely when pointing to the major source of discontent. Several current and former members of the senate place the blame squarely on student body president Cachet Garrett. "She is an ineffective leader," said Legat, and that Garrett's consistent unilateral thinking "and lack of communication" did little to prevent tensions from escalating.

Others cite Burch's involvement. Though not a member of the student government last year, he attended most meetings. He had a "subversive and divisive influence" on the process, and he "would often lobby antagonistic support against Cachet" said Senate Vice President William Andrews.

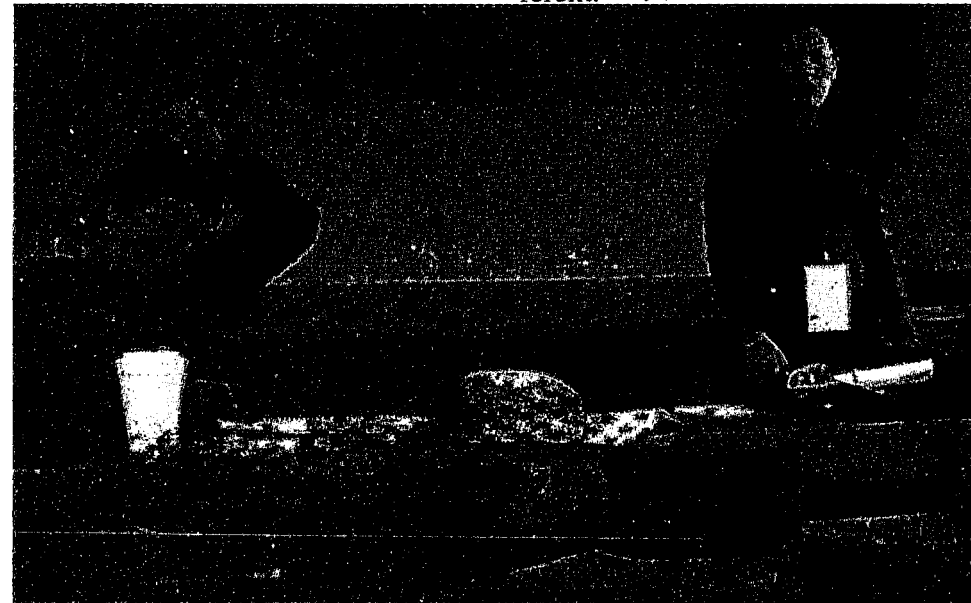


Photo by Shana Crondahl  
UAS Senator Christopher Cox waiting to be recognized by Garrett at the hearing on Friday, March 24, 2006. They were voting on a resolution calling for Garrett's resignation.

Satre too, has been named as a source of the government's dysfunction. "The position would be better served by an individual who has little or no involvement with university

activities and programs," said former senator Jess Coleman, who resigned in the fall. The current accusations against Satre, along with statements from Coleman and others, has some senators calling for her permanent removal as the student government advisor. A petition to this affect is currently being circulated among senate members.

Dean of Students Paul Kraft, when questioned on his knowledge of the incident, would say only that "if accusations are being made, I intend to look into them. I have a responsibility to re-establish the truth."

Kraft refused to lay blame on any individuals for what he refers to as this years "underachieving" student government saying "it's a classic case of group dynamics." In looking to next year he said "I'm not optimistic that the coming year will be any different."